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TAGS: MPOL, NATO, US

SUBJECT: NATO FORCE GOALS FOR THE UNITED STATES

REFS: A. STATE 62921, DTG 110021Z MAR 78; B. STATE 49455,  
DTG 250127Z FEB 78; C. USNATO 2613, DTG 141137Z MAR 78

1. REFTELS A AND B SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS CONFINING  
APPROPRIATE CHALLENGE TO UNITED STATES TO THE THREE  
PERCENT SET BY MINISTERS.

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2. CHALLENGE TO UNITED STATES OF AN ADDITIONAL HALF OF  
ONE PERCENT, IN PRINCIPLE, WOULD SEEM REASONABLE OUTCOME.  
FYI: NO POINT IN REITERATING THAT US DOES NOT ENVISION  
SPENDING MORE THAN AN ADDED 3 PERCENT IN REAL TERMS WHEN  
CONGRESS MAY INCREASE BUDGET BEYOND THIS LEVEL. END FYI.

3. WE REALIZE THAT DRC MUST RELATE CHALLENGE TO FORCE

GOALS AND THAT THE CHALLENGE PACKAGE MAY CONTAIN A GOOD PART OF THE MNC FORCE PROPOSALS NOT NOW IN US COUNTRY PLANS. YOU SHOULD FOLLOW FRG PRECEDENT (REF C) IN REITERATING THAT PRESENT PLANS DO NOT ENVISION OUTLAYS SUBSTANTIALLY ABOVE 3 PERCENT REAL INCREASE LEVEL. MOREOVER, IN COMMENTING ON CHALLENGE TO BE ADOPTED FOR US, MISSION SHOULD MAKE POINT THAT LTDP FUNDING MAY TAKE

PRIORITY OVER FORCE GOAL FUNDING IN SOME CASES. WE WISH TO PRESERVE MANEUVER ROOM ON HOW TO ALLOCATE MARGINAL FUNDING IF COMPETITION FOR CONSTRAINED RESOURCES SHOULD EMERGE. FYI: NEW TENTATIVE CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE MAKES INTERNAL DOD PROGRAMMING OF LTDP MEASURES MANDATORY IF US HAS FINALLY ACCEPTED THEM AT DPC AND SUMMIT. END FYI.

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